

F.R.C.P.—It is with much pleasure that we congratulate Dr. Osler, Prof. of Physiology in McGill University, upon his election as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Eng. As most of our readers are aware, this is the highest honor the profession can bestow. It always means the appreciation by the very best judges of good scientific work well done. The Canadians who have succeeded in winning this coveted degree are very few, and in each case the entire profession may consider itself honored by the selection of one of its members for such a marked distinction.

—The annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Council was held in Toronto on the 12th, 13th and 14th of June. The retiring President, Dr. Bray, of Chatham, in reviewing the work of the year made several important suggestions, particularly that of a uniform bill for all the provinces. The motion of Dr. H. H. Wright for compulsory summer sessions was not adopted by the Education Committee. The finances appear to be in a tolerably satisfactory condition; great difficulty is experienced in collecting the annual assessment fees, the arrears amounting to over \$5,000. A committee consisting of Drs. A. A. Fenwick, Lavell, MacDonald Bray, Bergin, Cranston and Logan were appointed to review the curriculum of study.

—Walt. Whitman, the "Good Grey Poet" as his friends love to call him, has an ardent disciple in Richard Maurice Bucke, M.D., the able Superintendent of the London (Ont.) Asylum, who has issued a volume (D. McKay, Philadelphia), giving an account of his life and writings. A genuine Bohemian, without fixed place of residence or occupation, one period of his life is deeply interesting. For three years during the civil war, Whitman moved through the army hospitals as a ministering angel, nursing, cheering and consoling the wounded. His "Specimen Days" contains graphic descriptions of the horrors of that war, aggravated in many instances by imperfection and failures in the medical department. Of "Leaves of Grass" this is scarcely the place to speak, although there are those who think both author and his poetry peculiarly suitable for the